

## IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a third party originator to send a notification/message of a multimedia message to a recipient without the use of a multi-media messaging service center (MMSC); and

a message handler to manage a response sent by the recipient to the MMSC, wherein the message handler comprises a proxy server to redirect responses sent by the recipient to the MMSC; and wherein the proxy server comprises:

a message ID recognition logic to identify notifications/messages originating from the third party originator; and

a message screener to screen responses directed to the MMSC by the recipient, and identify responses sent in response to the third party originator.

Claims 2, 3 (Cancelled)

4. (Original) The system of claim 3, wherein the proxy server further comprises:

a message forwarder to forward the responses directed to the MMSC by the recipient in response to the third party originator.

Claims 5-8 (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) ~~The A system comprising: of claim 1,~~  
a third party originator to send a notification/message of a multimedia  
message to a recipient without the use of a multi-media messaging service center  
(MMSC); and  
a message handler to manage a response sent by the recipient to the  
MMSC, wherein the message handler comprises: a message redirector resident on  
a recipient's device, the message redirector identifying responses sent in response  
to a third party originated message, and redirecting the responses to the third party  
originator.

10. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:  
a message handler to ensure that a response directed to multi-media  
messaging service center (MMSC) in response to a notification/message by a third  
party originator to a recipient are managed without triggering error messages in the  
MMSC, wherein the message handler comprises a proxy server to redirect  
responses sent by the recipient to the MMSC; and wherein the proxy server  
comprises:  
a message ID recognition logic to identify notifications/messages  
originating from the third party originator; and  
a message screener to screen responses directed to the MMSC by  
the recipient, and identify responses sent in response to the third party  
originator.

Claims 11-17 (Cancelled)